

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Senator Johnny Nugent
upon his retirement from the Indiana State Senate.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Senator Johnny
2 Nugent upon his retirement from the Indiana State Senate.

3 *Whereas, Senator Johnny Nugent has served his Indiana*
4 *district in the Indiana Senate for over 35 years, during which*
5 *he served as chair of the Senate Agriculture and Small Business*
6 *Committee for more than 20 years. He also served as chair of*
7 *the Roads and Transportation Committee, and was ranking*
8 *member of the Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee.*
9 *During his tenure in the Senate, Senator Nugent has*
10 *represented Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur, Jackson,*
11 *Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, Union, Franklin, Switzerland, and*
12 *Fayette Counties;*

13 *Whereas, Senator Nugent, Majority Floor Leader Emeritus*
14 *of the Senate Majority Caucus, was first elected to the Indiana*
15 *State Senate in 1978. He cut his teeth in politics by serving on*
16 *the Dearborn County Board of Commissioners from 1966 to*
17 *1974, where he was the youngest commissioner ever elected in*
18 *the State of Indiana at the age of 26;*

19 *Whereas, Since his first days in the legislature, Senator*
20 *Nugent has been dedicated to helping his constituents in*



1 southern Indiana, authoring legislation to exempt taxes on
2 heating fuel for residents in Indiana. He also authored
3 legislation requiring that disciplinary action taken against
4 doctors be reported to the Medical Licensing Board, and
5 sponsored legislation requiring school bus drivers to undergo
6 criminal history checks;

7 Whereas, Senator Nugent has also worked on behalf of
8 Hoosier servicemen and women, as Senator Nugent is a veteran
9 himself, having served for seven years in the United States
10 Army and Army Reserve. Senator Nugent has fought to ensure
11 veterans receive the recognition they deserve for protecting our
12 freedom, repeatedly co-authoring and supporting efforts to
13 honor Purple Heart recipients in Indiana. He also co-authored
14 legislation to create Purple Heart license plates, as well as a
15 bill to expand education benefits for all Purple Heart recipients
16 in Indiana, and in 2005, Senator Nugent co-authored
17 legislation to support Indiana National Guard troops while on
18 active duty deployments, and ensure their education benefits
19 upon their return;

20 Whereas, It is well known that Senator Nugent has long
21 been a champion for Second Amendment rights. While in the
22 Senate, he has authored multiple pro-Second Amendment bills,
23 including Indiana's "Castle Doctrine" legislation, as well as the
24 nation's first lifetime concealed carry permit. He has also been
25 a strong supporter of hunters' rights throughout his tenure;

26 Whereas, In addition to his public service in the Indiana
27 Senate, Senator Nugent has been heavily involved in his
28 community. He is a "Life Member" of the National Rifle
29 Association (NRA) and serves on the NRA Board of Directors.
30 He is also a "Life Member" of the Indiana State Rifle and Pistol
31 Association. Senator Nugent is a member of the Murat Shrine
32 Temple of Indianapolis, Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club, and
33 the Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce. He is also a
34 fifty-year member of Lawrenceburg Mason Lodge #4 and a
35 former member of the Dearborn County Hospital Board of



1 *Trustees; and*

2 *Whereas, Senator Nugent's experience and patriotism will*
3 *be greatly missed by his constituents and colleagues in the State*
4 *Capitol: Therefore,*

5 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
6 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

7 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors Senator Johnny
8 Nugent upon his retirement and sincerely thanks him for his years of
9 service to the Indiana State Senate.

10 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
11 transmit copies of this Resolution to Senator Johnny Nugent, his wife
12 of over 50 years, Nancy, and his daughter, Suzi.

